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## §5–504.

- (a) There is a Cease Fire Council Grant Program.
- (b) The Cease Fire Council Grant Program shall be funded as provided in the State budget.
- (c) Grants made by the Council shall be used to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.
  - (d) When making grants, the Council shall consider and give priority to:
- (1) comprehensive and coordinated law enforcement and prosecution programs that target criminals and juveniles who use or illegally possess firearms;
- (2) law enforcement and prosecution salaries and overtime in support of firearm violence reduction programs;
- (3) covert firearms-related investigations and debriefing of criminal and juvenile arrestees and offenders for information related to illegal firearms trafficking;
- (4) initiatives that support the tracing of firearms used to commit crimes or delinquent acts and the identification of illegal firearms traffickers;
- (5) purchases of technology and information systems to support firearm violence reduction initiatives; and
- (6) other efforts that aid in apprehending and prosecuting criminals or apprehending and filing a complaint against juveniles who use or illegally possess firearms.
- (e) Expenditures from the Cease Fire Council Grant Program may be made only in accordance with the State budget or by budget amendment.
- (f) The Council shall adopt regulations for the grant process and the oversight of grants made by the Council.

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